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Eliseo Arredondo, Gen. Carranza's representative in Washington, will be the next Ambassador from Mexico to the United States.

Mystery surrounds the finding of a charred body believed to be that of a school girl in the hallway of a fashionable residence in New Orleans.

King Alfonso of Spain chose Count Alvaro de Romanones to form a new cabinet.

An order for 10,000 tons of standard steel rails was placed with the Maryland Steel Co. by the Southern railroad.

Directors of the Ingersoll-Rand Co. declared a dividend of 10 per cent. on its common stock.

Carrying a large cargo of war materials, the White Star liner Adriatic sailed from New York for Liverpool.

Easy & Practical Home Dress Making Lessons

Prepared Especially For This Newspaper
by Pictorial Review

A DELIGHTFUL FROCK IN VELVET.

the front or be turned back in regulation fashion.

One is not limited to a narrow scale of these materials this season, for they run through a large scale of colors and prices. Cotton velvet is inexpensive and exceedingly pretty. The dress shown here is fashioned of dark brown cotton velvet, trimmed with silk braid in the same shade. Fancy braid ornaments finish the tabular ends of the front extensions, and the high collar is buttoned over with fancy buttons. The inset vest is of metal cloth. This costume reproduced in serge, gabardine or voile is also charming. In medium size it requires 3½ yards 54-inch material and ¾ yard of inch-wide braid.

Loveliest of the V-shape neck persuasion have their preference catered to, despite the round edge shown. For the V outline, cut out neck edge of vest on small "O" perforations. All of the material is folded in half, however, before cutting. Then the back gore of the skirt is laid into position first, followed by the collar, all along the lengthwise fold. Along the selvage edge the front and back pieces are laid. This is followed, working to the right, by the cuff, sleeve, back, belt, vest and front (cut in one with the revers), the belt and back resting on the lengthwise fold and the other sections on a lengthwise thread.

If the front is desired straight, eliminating the revers, cut off the front edge ½ inch outside of double "O" perforations. The folding over of the revers across the inset vest is rather a pretty idea, however, especially when a bit of gray color is selected for the vest.

There are shades of green that mingle congenially with brown. If the girl is made of self-material a pretty idea at the back is to introduce pointed tabs of the vest material to fold over the belt. These tabs are held in place with buttons of the dress material. The cuffs may also be faced with the trimming selected for the vest.



Pictorial Review Costume
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Review
For this newspaper from the very latest styles are prepared especially

CITY FULFILLS P.T. BARNUM'S EXPECTATIONS

Great Showman Foresaw
Great Growth and De-
clared Belief in Public.

Bridgeport is rapidly extending its factory and residential lines throughout Bridgeport and Stratford. Docks line the shores of the Pequonnock river and Black Rock harbor at their entrances to the Sound. Palatial villas line the fringe of Seaside park. The big Remington Arms Co. plant rears its monster buildings near Tolleson hill.

Three lines of railroads consolidated in one, enter Bridgeport and are studded with factories while the fare to New York by commutation is far less than one dollar. Recent short resorts at Fairfield Beach and Lordship Manor have drawn thousands to the beaches during the summer months. At present there is a scheme on foot to utilize the salt meadows East of Bridgeport for factory purposes.

P. T. Barnum, ex-mayor of Bridgeport and one of its foremost citizens half a century ago, did much towards the growth of the Park City. He was known as a shrewd and wise man.

"United energy, liberality, and faith in the future," was his motto in civic affairs.

At the present time when Bridgeport is booming, a prediction and precaution made beneath the shadow of Soldier's monument as Barnum addressed the assembled crowd upon the celebration of the Centennial anniversary, July 4, 1876, nearly two score years ago, may be timely.

Ex-Mayor Barnum made this prediction with its warning: "Usually, on celebrating a holiday, we anticipate the pleasure of being present at the next anniversary. But Centennial holidays are an exception to this rule. None of us will be here at the second Centennial celebration of our nation's birth. But reasoning from the past, and considering the future possibilities, easily to be developed from the energies of our citizens and our advantageous position, we can with the eye of faith see that a hundred hence Bridgeport will be the largest and most beautiful city in Connecticut."

"We can imagine that one hundred years from this day our posterity, a quarter of a million strong, will be gathered in this beautiful Seaside park. The beautiful monument that has just been erected here will be supplemented by others, and let us hope they will commemorate the triumphs of peace instead of war."

"One can easily imagine that at an early day Bridgeport will be a popular watering-place, and that scores of summer hotels will line our shores from Fairfield Beach to Mills clam-baking mansion, and eventually to Stratford, for long before the Centennial, the Stratford salt meadows will be thoroughly diked, drained and filled up, rendering mosquitoes great curiosities in these parts." "Golden Hill, Park and Fairfield, West-Stratford, South-Broad, South-Main, and Lafayette streets will be studded with palatial villas; Seaside park will be enveloped by mansions and summer cottages while, setting back, Tolleson Hill and Trumbull, and following the lines of at least three railroads as far east as Stratford and west to Southport, will be hundreds of huge factories which will contribute largely to the growth and wealth of a large city."

"Railroads will take the people to New York in an hour for a dollar, with return ticket for \$1.25. Railroads, express, telegraph, steamboat and gas monopolies with watered stock will cease their extortion. Our wharves will extend west to Black Rock and that noble harbor will accommodate most of the largest shipping. But the prosperity of Bridgeport can only be accomplished by united energy, liberality and faith in the future. Away with the money men who dare not invest a six-pence unless principle and interest are returned to his pocket before he goes to bed." "Put together with a will, and Bridgeport, which is already the most pleasant, healthy and prosperous city in the state, will at the next Centennial, eclipse all others to such a degree as shall astonish and delight the inhabitants thereof, and reflect credit on those who now in this day and generation put their hands manfully to the plow without dreaming of looking back."

At the time P. T. Barnum spoke Bridgeport had a population of but 18,969 inhabitants. Seaside park extended only to Park avenue. Black Rock and its tributary harbor was un-built upon. There were few residences between Park avenue and Black Rock. Main street between Fairfield avenue and Ellis Head had small business activity, and beyond Pembroke Lake on Barnum avenue was known as West Stratford. Stratford meadows were waste or farming land and Fairfield beach was a stretch of sand and salt marsh untenanted except by hunters and squatters. The population today is seven fold or approximately one-eighth of a million people in less than 40 years, half of the number predicted in half the length of time allotted.

State street, Lafayette and Broad streets at the time mentioned were lined with massive elm trees and cut away by the ruthless hand of corporate greed which he so severely condemned, and were the prime residential sections of the city. Barnum's judgment has erred here but once in a remarkably fulfilled prediction.

It will be observed that the tendency towards reduction of watered stock in corporate matters has already begun under governmental supervision and it is likely that his other prediction, will soon be fulfilled by the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Public Utilities Commission of this State before many years have elapsed.

Two Ships Sunk; Both Crews Escape

London, Dec. 10.—The Italian steamer Dante Alighieri and the Norwegian steamer Nereus have been sunk. The crews of both vessels were saved.

STEEL TONNAGE REPORT.

New York, Dec. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the U. S. Steel Corporation on Nov. 30, 1915, 7,139,438 tons, an increase of 1,024,037 tons over October.



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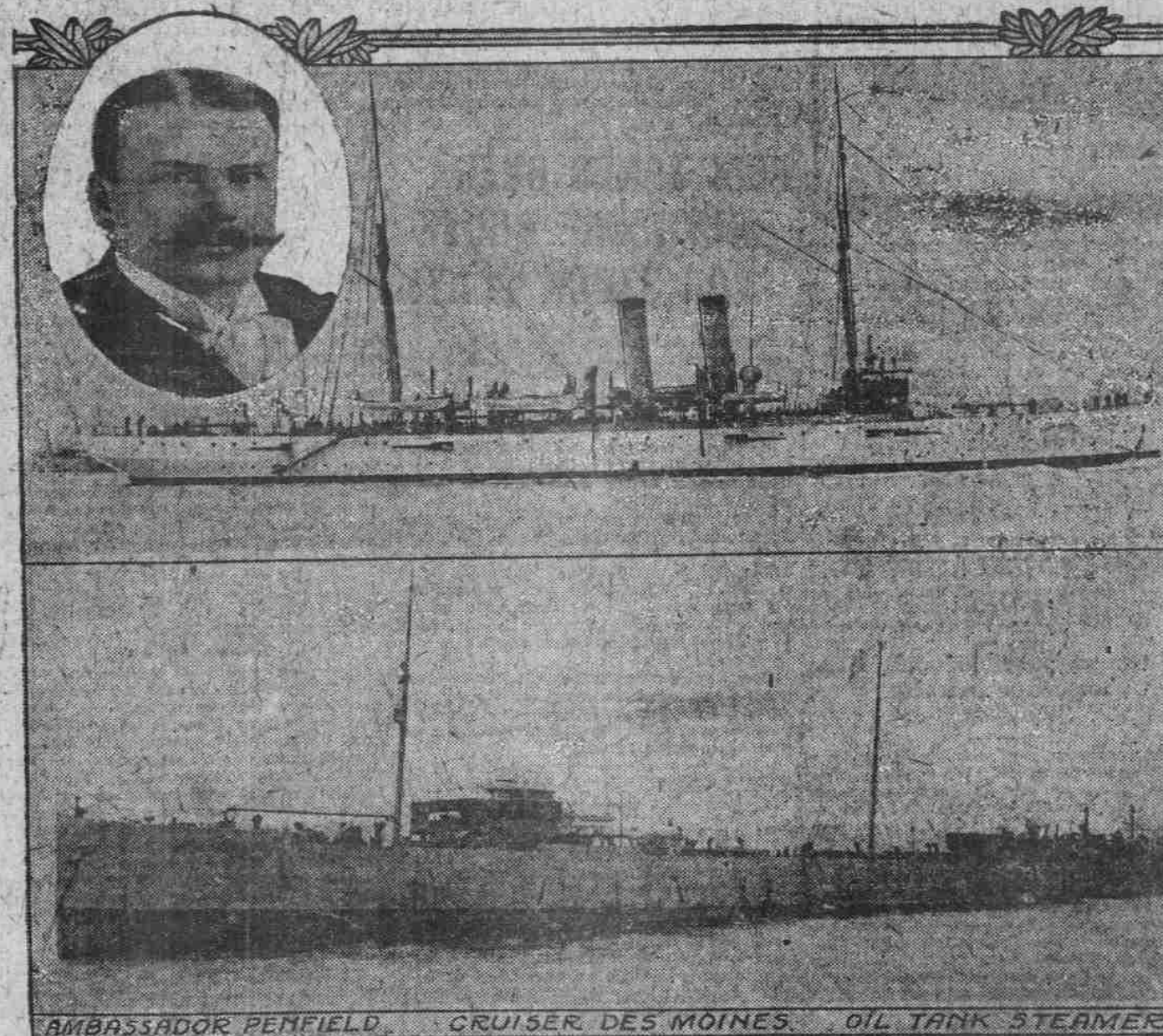
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REPORTED ATTACKS ON OUR OIL SHIPS IMPOSE NEW TASKS ON AMBASSADOR PENFIELD.



AMBASSADOR PENFIELD. CRUISER DES MOINES. OIL TANK STEAMER.

With the reported sinking of the American oil steamer Communiaw, later found to be safe, and the reported attack on the oil tank ship Petrolite, presumably by an Austrian submarine or Austrian submarines, came a new tension in Austro-Hungarian-American relations, already tautened by the Ancona affair. In Vienna our interests are in the hands of Ambassador Frederic C. Penfield. The pictures show also the cruiser Des Moines, now in the Mediterranean, which reported the attack on the Petrolite, and an American oil tank steamer.

Ask Permission to Sell Old Masterson Estate in South End

Heirs of the late John F. Donahoe of Woonsocket, R. I., have applied to the probate court for permission to dispose of the old Masterson property in Lafayette street left them by their father. The latter was a saloon keeper in the Rhode Island town and it is estimated that he left an estate of \$150,000. Certified copies of his will were filed in the probate court today.

The Masterson property in Lafayette street is estimated to be worth \$15,000. It was transferred to Mr. Donahoe by Capt. Frederick H. Masterson, some time ago. The heirs of the Donahoe estate are: Margaret Katherine, who is named executrix without bond; Isabel Frances, and Anna Gertrude.

William Wehnert was arrested at Paterson, N. J., for the murder of his brother Andrew, a milk dealer, found shot to death in his stable.

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